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attached sequentially numbered page are entitled VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO
SHOW CHANGES MADE.

Respectfully submitted

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In the Specification

Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 12, has been amended as follows:

The present application Serial No. 09/837,932 filed April 19, 2001 is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 09/588249 filed June 6, 2000.

Paragraph beginning at page 21, line 1, has been amended as follows:

ABSTRACT

The invention described herein permits decorative or other lighting of a transparent or a translucent surface by placing a light source within a frame and contacting the light source with the transparent or translucent surface. The transparent or translucent surface may be eroded in one or more places to provide contrasting images on the transparent or translucent surface.

Paragraph beginning at page 22, line 1 until completed, has been amended as follows:

Appendix of Prior Claims Pending in the Parent Application

Serial No. 09/588249 filed June 6, 2000

1. A lighting system comprising:
 - a frame member;
 - said frame member having a void portion;
 - an electrical light source emitter for emitting an electrical light;
 - said void for at least partially receiving said electrical light source emitter;
 - a transparent or translucent glass member;
 - said transparent or translucent glass member disposed such that said electrical light source emitter, when emitting light, substantially contacts said transparent or translucent glass member.
2. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein said transparent or translucent glass member is eroded.
3. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein said electrical light source

emitter for emitting an electrical light extends substantially around the void.

4. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein said transparent or translucent glass member has a lengthwise dimension, a heightwise dimension, a widthwise dimension, said heightwise dimension and said widthwise dimension at least partially defining, a forward surface of said transparent or translucent glass member and a rear surface of said transparent or translucent glass member.

5. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein said transparent or translucent glass member is transparent.

6. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein said transparent or translucent glass member is translucent.

7. The lighting system according to claim 1 further comprising an opaque backing sheet, said opaque backing sheet having substantially the same lengthwise and heightwise dimensions as said transparent or translucent glass member wherein said opaque backing sheet extends substantially over the entire rear surface area said transparent or translucent glass member.

8. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein said void at least partially receives said transparent or translucent glass member.

9. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein said electrical light source emitter for emitting an electrical light is a rope light.

10. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein the frame member is a picture frame.

11. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein the frame member is a window frame.

12. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein said transparent or translucent glass member at least partially retains said electrical light source emitter within said void.

13. The lighting system according to claim 1 wherein said void at least partially receives said opaque backing sheet.

14. A lighting system comprising:

_____ a frame member;

said frame member having a void portion;

an electrical rope light emitter for emitting an electrical light;

a transparent glass member;

said void for at least partially receiving said electrical rope light emitter and said transparent glass member;

said transparent glass member disposed such that said electrical rope light source emitter, when emitting light, substantially contacts said transparent glass member.

17. The lighting system according to claim 14 wherein said transparent glass member is eroded.

18. The lighting system according to claim 14 wherein the frame member is a picture frame.

17. The lighting system according to claim 14 wherein the frame member is a window frame.

18. The lighting system according to claim 14 further comprising an opaque backing sheet, said opaque backing sheet having substantially the same lengthwise and heightwise dimensions of said transparent glass member wherein said opaque backing sheet extends substantially over the entire rear surface area of said transparent glass member.

20. The lighting system according to claim 18 wherein said void at least partially receives said opaque backing sheet.

20. A method of lighting comprising:

emitting an electrical light generated by an electrical light source

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emitter from within a frame member;

said frame member having a void portion;

said void at least partially receiving said electrical light source

emitter;

wherein the emitted electrical light passes through at least one edge portion of a
transparent or translucent glass member;

said transparent or translucent glass member disposed in said frame
member such that said electrical light source emitter substantially contacts said
transparent or translucent glass member.